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**CITY OF DELAWARE CITY
SPECIAL MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 30, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER – SPECIAL MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

The Honorable Mayor Bennett called to order the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:40 p.m. Present were council members Martin, Parets, Marocco and Graham. Also present were City Manager Morrill, City Treasurer Walls and City Solicitor Losco.

RESOLUTION 07-0730-01

City Manager Morrill informed the Mayor and Council that this resolution would be the first step in the process to issue bonds when capital borrowing, requiring the full faith and credit of The City, is necessary. This resolution is for a loan up to \$234,000 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the replacement and repairs of the flat roof at the Community Center. The funds, if sufficient, could also provide for modifications and improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system and their controls. In addition, there is a \$41,000 grant. With the resolution, the Mayor and Council would propose to residents of Delaware City that The City borrow \$234,000 for the improvements at the Community Center. It would also ask for public opinion within the resolution and states that there would be a public hearing regarding the borrowing on August 20, 2007, at 7:00 pm, prior to the regular Mayor and Council meeting. If, after the public hearing, the Mayor and Council plan to continue with the process, a second resolution would be voted upon. That resolution simply states that, having heard public comments, the Mayor and Council would like to continue with the bond issue. At that point a referendum would follow. Assuming that the referendum is passed, the USDA would only pay after the completion of the project, therefore, interim borrowing would become necessary. After the

project has been completed, the interim loan would be paid off with proceeds of the USDA loan. The terms of the USDA loan are 25 years, with a monthly payment, and interest at approximately 4%. The debt service was included in the Fiscal Year 08 Budget. Former Police Chief Tjaden has informed The City of the Valero's willingness to assist with the project, possibly with labor and/or materials. City Manager Morrill said that he would pursue that information; however, he stated that it would probably be necessary to put this project out for bids. Discussion followed. The City Manager said he expects the project to last about sixty days. In addition, The City has requested an estimate for the control system from a company that is familiar with the existing system. He also informed the Mayor and Council that there would be legal costs associated with the bond issue, settlement costs, etc. He said that The City could advertise for bids, with the understanding that the project hinges on the referendum. No contract would be awarded until after the referendum. The referendum date would officially be set at the regular Mayor and Council meeting in August. The Charter states that after the second resolution is passed, the referendum must be held no sooner than 30 days and no later than 60 days from that date. The City would like to hold the referendum on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. The poles would be open from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There would be three members of the Delaware City Election Board available as well as voting machines.

Council Member Marocco moved to adopt Resolution 07-0730-01, "*A RESOLUTION PROPOSING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$234,000 MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PROVIDE UP TO \$234,000 FOR REPLACEMENT AND REPAIR OF THE ROOF, GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS AND TO MAKE MODIFICATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AND CONTROLS OF THE DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 FIFTH STREET, DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT AND ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH*". Council Member Graham seconded the motion. Council Member Parets arrived at 7:55 pm. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council member Parets made a motion to move to executive session to discuss personnel issues. Council member Parker seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION

The Honorable Mayor Bennett appointed Alfred Kaczorowski as the Chief of Police. Council Member Graham made a motion to accept the appointment. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes,

motion carried. Council Member Parets made a motion authorizing an immediate salary increase for Chief Kaczorowski of \$5000 to be added to his regular annual salary. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. Council Member Martin commended Chief Kaczorowski for a job well done. A roll call vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Everyone commented on an excellent Delaware City Day. The Committee, lead by Penny Merena, received well-deserved kudos. Council recommended a complimentary resolution to be voted on at the August Mayor and Council meeting. Discussion followed.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Parets made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Martin seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn K. Gwynn
City Secretary